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## WAIVER OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS

To: Jonathan M. Hooks

I, Jana Eisinger, as an officer, managing/general agent, or registered agent for service of process on behalf of Qwest Communications International, Inc., acknowledge receipt of your request that I waive service of summons in the action of Farmers Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. v. Verizon Communications, Inc., et al., which has been filed in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama.

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 DEBRA P. BACKETT CLK  
 U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
 MIDDLE DISTRICT ALA

I have also received a copy of the complaint in the action, two copies of this instrument, and a means by which I can return the signed waiver to you without cost to me. I agree to save the cost of service of a summons and an additional copy of the complaint in this lawsuit by not requiring that Qwest be served with judicial process in the manner provided by Rule 4. Qwest will retain all defenses or objections to the lawsuit or to the venue or jurisdiction of the court except for objections based on a defect in the summons or in the service of the summons. I understand that a judgment may be entered against Qwest if an answer or motion under Rule 12 is not served upon you within 60 days after September 1, 2006.

This instrument signed this the 5 day of October, 2006.

  
 Signature

Jana Eisinger  
 Printed Name

Signed as an officer, managing/general agent, or registered agent for service of process on behalf of Qwest Communications International, Inc.

**Duties to Avoid Unnecessary Cost of Service of Summons**

Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure requires certain parties to cooperate in saving unnecessary costs of service of the summons and complaint. A defendant located in the United States who, after being notified of an action and asked by a plaintiff located in the United States to waive service of summons, fails to do so will be required to bear the cost of such service unless good cause can be shown for its failure to sign and return the waiver.

It is not good cause for failure to waive service that a party believes that the complaint is unfounded, or that an action has been brought in an improper place or in a court that lacks jurisdiction over the subject matter of the action or over its person or property. A party who waives service of the summons retains all defenses and objections (except anything relating to the summons or to the service of the summons), and may later object to the jurisdiction of the court or to the place where the action has been brought.

A defendant who waives service must within the time specified on the waiver form serve on the plaintiff's attorney (or unrepresented plaintiff) a response to the complaint and must also file a signed copy of the response with the court. If the answer or motion is not served within this time, a default judgment may be taken against that defendant. By waiving service, a defendant is allowed more time to answer than if the summons had been actually served when the request for waiver of service was received.